

## SECOND SECTION.

### LEISURE HOUR REFLECTIONS FROM A QUIET CORNER.

By Dennis S. Thompson.

The workshop of character is every day life. The uneventful and commonplace hour in which the battle is won or lost. Thank God for a new truth, a beautiful idea, a glowing experience, but remember that unless we bring it down to the ground and teach it to walk with feet, work with hands, and stand the strain of daily life, we have worse than lost it—we have been hurt by it. A new light in our heart makes an occasion—an occasion is an opportunity—not for building a tabernacle and feeling thankful and looking back for a blessed memory, but for shedding the new light on the old path and doing old duties with new inspiration. The uncommon life is the child of the common day lived in an uncommon way. One of the country's leading merchants in addressing an audience of young men, once said: "Whatever may be your business in life, my young friends, whether it be in professional, mercantile, or mechanical pursuits, remember this: that which you earnestly desire, will doubtless come to you." This may be considered a strong statement, certainly, but it is one founded upon the possibilities of the human character. That which men earnestly desire they labor to secure, and through strong, preserving efforts, come the realization of their wishes. The desire that does not lead to action is imperfect, but the desire that has the strength of determination to conquer is the one that wins.

The resolute mind knows no impossibilities. Obstacles may come up, to be sure, but the determined spirit does not acknowledge that they are insuperable. No difficulty is so trying and earnest, persistent effort, the man or woman of character will depend for success. To each person, duty comes daily, presenting to everyone a countenance more or less forbidding. Often the right has the appearance of a severe taskmaster and the wrong smiles much more benign, but that there is a possibility of bewitching. The world may point to evil and call it good, and friends may offer their protests against a course that conscience plainly pronounces right. But duty never wavers. It is true it sometimes brings apparent impossibilities with it, but whether these come in the nature of physical infirmities, inconvenience or unpopularity, they must be met. Then it is that the impossible puts on possibility, and found to be merely brazen images chained by the pathway of life.

The present year will probably show a favorable increase in new business enterprises, the outgrowth of Negro brain, effort and finance. Greater Kansas City will no doubt come in for her share, as the Negroes are catching the business spirit and beginning to realize that they are not white and have not come to the point where conditions and necessity alike demand more business for our people, conducted by our people. The Negro must take notice of the fact, however, that no business is business, unless, conducted upon strictly business principles. The white man is courteous to a dog if he thinks he has a dollar to spend, likewise the Negro must not forget, that courtesy is a valuable asset in the business world. If the Negro is going to sell groceries he must keep his store clean and keep a general stock of staple goods and fresh meats and vegetables, be courteous and do not keep customers waiting unnecessarily. The stockholders of business concerns should not come to their stores to transact their business while the customers stand around waiting to be served. The director's meeting should consider all matters having to do with the management and conduct of business. There is no mistake but that Negroes can successfully conduct any kind of business, and be patronized by Negroes who are glad to pay for what they get. One great drawback to many

of our merchants are, that they are afraid of carrying too large a stock, but at this time there is no danger of having too much, because anything will sell if put in saleable shape, and at a good price. We should not be ashamed to take the money where money is crying for us to come and get it. Grasp the business idea, brother, and watch your step.

Every noble life makes the world nobler. All who see it are unconsciously helped forward by it. There are so many times when we are able to help others by leading exemplary lives, where our talk would fail. People while being impressed sometimes by what we might say to them, are far more impressed by what we are. If our Christian people and leaders would practice more thrift and economy and get the idea instilled in the minds of the masses, there would be less need for almshouses. If the people were taught more how to live in their homes, and to provide against the day of need, what a different country we would have. But it cannot be done until the church separates itself from the world.

### WILSON'S MISSILES.

By Ona B. Wilson.

The most dominant feature in the human family, yet the least conspicuous in appearance, is cowardice. Show me a man or woman entirely free of it and you will have encountered a miracle. You find traces of it, in a hundred different ways, too numerous to mention, yet there are some that carry an inward rule. A failure to speak for the right against friend or foe, a chance to do a worthy act withheld because of what someone may say. Many scorn slavery and yet we are in a greater condition of slavery today; a slave to social customs and ideas. The world is in need of someone free of cowardice. The race is in need of someone free from cowardice. Where are they to be found? What is to hinder? Regardless of the condition to be, look toward cavalry upon whose rugged brow our Savior died; while the cowards who placed Him there crept off and died. Then nothing but the truth shall make us free from cowardice. For if we know it we shall be free indeed.

### EXTRACTS OF THE

### PASTORAL LETTER OF THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THEIR CHARGE.

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

We refer with pride and gratitude to the growth of our Catholic schools. It is an evidence of the interest which you take in the Christian education of your children. You are convinced, as we are, that religious instruction is not only a part of education, but the most important part. It is the surest means of preserving our Catholic Faith and of training our children to become good men and good women. It teaches them to respect authority, to obey law and to be careful of the rights of others as they are of their own rights. It is the best preparation for citizenship. By supporting our Catholic schools you render most valuable service both to the Church and to our country. There is no more genuine patriotism.

We desire to encourage your efforts in the cause of higher education. In order to preserve the good results of their training in the elementary schools, our pupils should continue their studies in Catholic high schools and colleges. The time which is necessary to complete their education will be spent with profit. They will gain a more thorough knowledge of our holy religion together with the instruction which they need to prepare them for any pursuit in practical life.

With a view to enlarging the opportunities for higher education, the Holy See, at the instance of the Hierarchy, established the Catholic University as a center for our schools and colleges. Its development is of vital importance for our entire educational system. And we therefore record our grateful appreciation of the generosity which it has been supported, through the yearly offerings of the faithful, the funds created by our Catholic associations and the endowments received from individual Catholics of intelligence and zeal.

We take this occasion also to express our hearty approval of the teachers who have given their lives, in a spirit of consecration, to the work of our schools. We commend them, not alone for instructing many in knowledge and virtue, but chiefly for setting an example of the devotion and self-sacrifice on which the nation as well as the Church must always depend.

Negroes and Indians.

It is mainly through education that we shall improve the condition of the Negro and Indian races and enable them to enjoy more fully the blessings of religion. Both justice and charity require that they be given the fair opportunity of which they have so long been deprived. In the eyes of the Church, as in the sight of God, all men have been redeemed at the same price; and all have need of the same spiritual guidance and the same good will on the part of their fellow-men. We therefore invoke the Divine benediction on those who are laboring in the interest of the Negro and Indian; and we deprecate most earnestly all attempts at stirring up racial hatred, which so often expresses itself in deeds of violence unworthy of a civilized nation.

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#### POVERTY KOMITTY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1920.

### DO THE DOCTORS KID US?

By Old Timer.

Back in slave time when I was raised, we never heard tell of the germ theory. We all bit off the same plug of tobacco, drank from the same jug of red-eye, used the same dipper at the spring and kissed as much as we pleased.

But now the doctors tell us that everything is covered over with germs of all kinds of diseases and that death lurks in every object within ten feet of us; so we are afraid to hold the straps on the street cars to keep from stepping on the slim lady's feet or plunging into the fat man's digestive paunch. We can't kiss our wife or the hired girl either for fear that the next kiss may be from the lips of the cold, grim monster. We are literally scared to death!

And the one thing that puzzles us is that it seems that the doctors themselves are not afraid of the very things they scare us about. They go about from house to house healing diseases and collecting the paltry three dollars without fear or trembling. They seldom shift their suits of outer garments and use the same fever thermometer upon the flu patient, the lungee and the man who is merely taking. If the thermometer is washed at all, it is between acts so far as the human observations go. Yet the doctors claim that they are always upon the alert to prevent the spread of contagious germs. That's a great mystery, just how they can treat diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, smallpox all in the same block and never carry the germs while a brief call at one of those infected places would be sure to kill anybody else.

The dentists do not say much about the germ theory but it is clear that they are not as afraid as the doctors for they put the same pretty little silver-handled looking glass into the mouth of each patient who calls during the day without ever washing it and the cruel little probe with which they look for holes in the dentine has been through days and days of service among germs without a single dip into alcohol or peroxide. We should give the dentist credit for washing his hands but we never see him wash anything else, not even those little disk tortures with which he just grinds the P. out of the consumptive little lady who just went down the steps weeping.

Perhaps some of these days someone will write a book on this subject and tell us that there are no germs at all and that the doctors have just been kidding us for fun.

The base ball meeting held in our city the last week brought together some of the biggest base ball men in the country connected with Negro Base Ball clubs, as well as the best sporting writers in the country.

The meetings which were held at the Community Club Rooms were well attended and much interest taken in the proceedings.

The meeting resulted in the forming of a base ball organization to be known as The Western Circuit of Negro Base Ball League. The clubs and cities taken into the League this season are Chicago American Giants of Chicago, A. B. C. Club of Indianapolis, Ind.; Detroit Stars of Detroit, Mich.; St. Louis Giants of St. Louis, Mo.; The Kansas City Monarchs of this City, The Cuban Stars of Havana, Cuba, Chicago Giants and Dayton Marcos of Dayton, Ohio were taken into the League as traveling teams.

The circuit will be operated through a booking agency handled by Andrew Rube Foster of Chicago and each city assigned dates with other clubs instead of a regular league schedule being played. Plans were made for a regular base ball league to begin operation in 1921.

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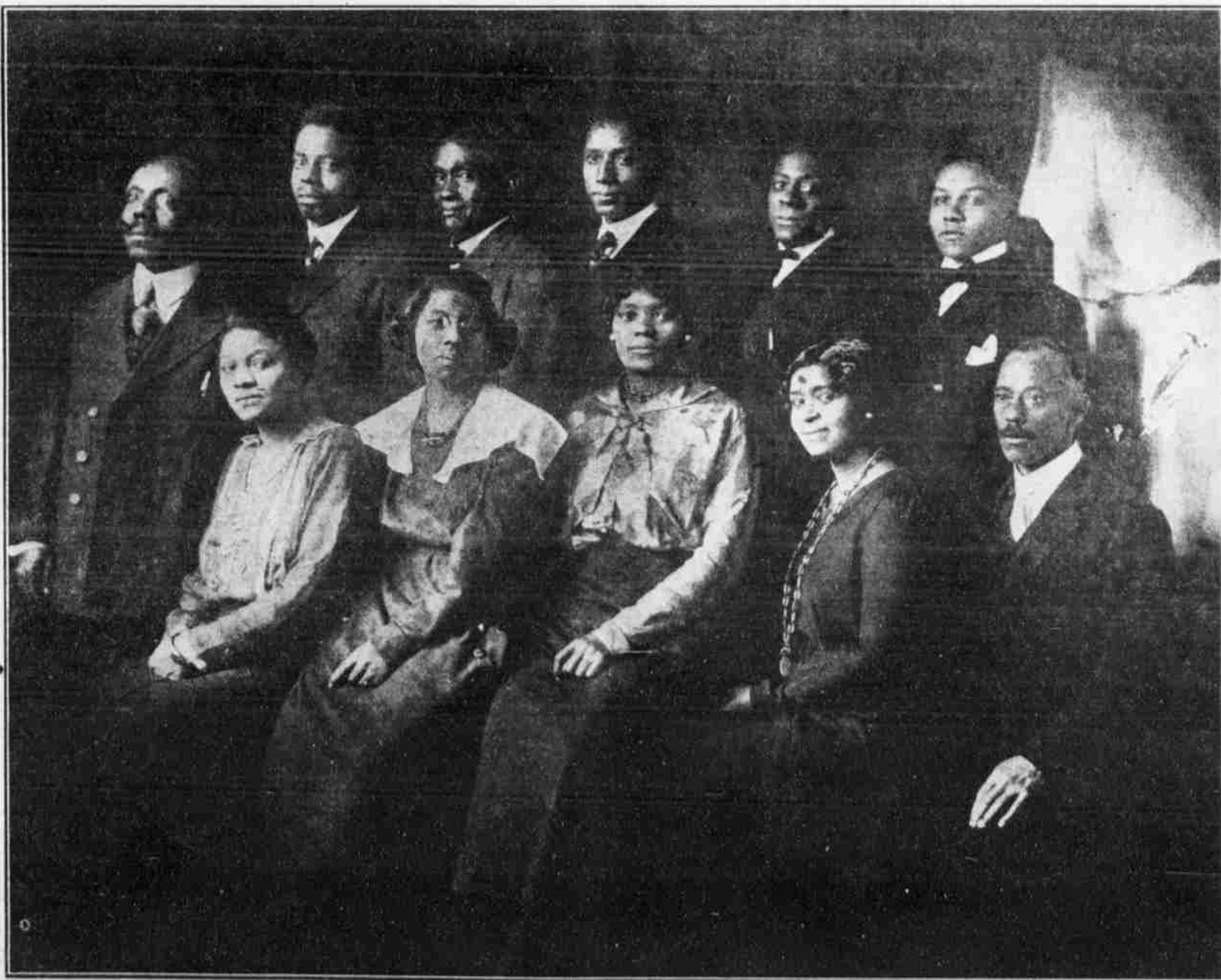
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